

Louisiana Regulations as They Relate to Louisiana 4-H and FFA Shows-2009

Key Notes:

- An official health certificate is important! Pay attention to the “good for...” dates.
- Health certificates will be checked at all shows by LDAF personnel. Check in may be performed with a copy of the health certificate, but the original must be with the hauler.
- Animal identification used on health certificates involves using an “official” tag or ID and does not refer to any farm identification tags.
- Regulatory personnel will be walking through barn and checking animals. They may request the original health certificate.
- Pigs do not need to be tested for Pseudorabies or Brucellosis if the animal is from Louisiana sources or free Pseudorabies or Brucellosis state.
- Premises registration is recommended. Louisiana agriculture needs to register as many farms or animal locations as possible. *Premises Identification numbers can be obtained by contacting the Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry, Office of Animal Health Services at 225-925-3980 or go to their website at www.ldaf.state.la.us and follow the Premises ID links.
- Horses must come with BOTH a current Coggins and current health certificate. Copies may be used at check in but the original must be with the hauler.

1. Cattle

- a. All cattle participating in the event must meet federal and state quarantine and interstate regulations.
- b. Cattle entering Louisiana shows or fairs should have the following items: **original** health certificate (See **Key Notes**, page 1) *Brucella* status, and TB status (if applicable). Brucellosis and/or Tuberculosis test results/status, as well as, the **individual** animal identification (identification number, official tag, microchip, brand, or tattoo) must be clearly placed on the health certificate. Below are the following step-by-step guidelines.
- c. Health Certificate
 - i. Health certificate signed by a USDA accredited veterinarian.
 1. Official identification (not just the registration number) of each animal should be clearly stated on the health certificate.
 2. Multiple cattle can be listed on one health certificate providing proper identification and test results are stated.
 3. This health certificate is good for 60 days from the date of issue to cover the period of the show season for Louisiana FFA/4H animals.
 4. This health certificate is good for 30 days from the date of issue for all out-of-state animals.
- d. Brucellosis Status (Louisiana Cattle)
 - i. Only a health certificate is needed if animal is calfhood vaccinated
 - ii. Heifer between 4 and 12 months old
 1. must be calfhood vaccinated.
 - iii. Cow or heifer over 12 months of age:

1. must have official calfhood vaccination or tested negative in the last 60 days or been part of a negative (certified) herd that has been tested with the last 12 months.
2. animal identification number, herd status results or negative test results must be placed on the health certificate
- iv. Louisiana Bull (regardless of age)
 1. does not need to be tested.
- e. Brucellosis Status (all other States)
 - i. if it is Class Free state and the animal is just coming in for the show
 1. Health certificate signed by a USDA accredited veterinarian is good for 30 days after issuance.
 - a. Official identification should be clearly stated on the health certificate.
 - b. Multiple cattle can be listed on one health certificate providing proper identification and test results are stated.
 - c. Bulls do not need to be tested.
 2. if it is NOT Class Free
 - a. heifers are between 4 and 12 months old
 - i. must be calfhood vaccinated.
 - b. cow or heifer
 - i. vaccinated and 2 years old or older
 1. test for Brucellosis within 30 days of show
 - ii. vaccinated and less than 2 years old
 1. no test is required
 - iii. not vaccinated and 1 year or older
 1. test for Brucellosis within 30 days of show
 - c. All bulls over 12 months of age need to test negative within 30 days of the show.
- f. Tuberculosis Status
 - i. Make sure the state of origin is TB Free.
 - ii. If the state is not "TB Free", TB test the animal (male or female) within 30 days of the show.
 1. Indicate the negative TB test on the health certificate.
- g. **Each animal brought to the show must indicate on the health certificate the physical location of origin and return destination for 30 days prior to and after the show.**

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2. Horses

- a. Each horse participating in the event must meet federal and state quarantine and interstate regulations.
- b. Each horse participating in the event must have a Health Certificate and a current Coggins Test. (See **Key Notes**, page 1)
 - i. Each horse must have the **original** official health certificate signed by a USDA accredited veterinarian.
 1. Identification on the Health Certificate should include the following.
 - a. an accurate, clearly stated description of horse
 - b. **Original** EIA Test Paper
 - i. Each horse must be accompanied by an **original** negative official test for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) (Coggins Test, Swamp Fever Test). The horse must have tested negative within the past year (365 days).
 - ii. The original EIA test result paper should contain
 1. an accurate, clearly stated description of horse
 - iii. clearly written microchip number, brand, or tattoo
 2. This health certificate is good for 60 days from the date of issue to cover the period of the show season for Louisiana FFA/4H animals.
 3. This health certificate is good for 30 days from the date of issue for all out-of-state animals
- c. Foals **of any age** must be tested for EIA if traveling to a show.
- d. It is strongly recommended that the horse be vaccinated for EEE, WEE, VEE and West Nile Virus (WNV).
- e. **Each horse brought to the show must indicate on the health certificate, the physical location of origin and return destination for 30 days prior to and after the show.**

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3. Poultry—(**NOTE:** Broilers only need a health certificate.)
 - a. Each bird participating in the event must meet federal and state quarantine and interstate regulations.
 - b. Each bird brought to the show must have the following papers
 - i. An individual health certificate (See **Key Notes**, page 1) dated within 60 days of the show, indicating the bird is free of disease and has been tested free of *Salmonella pullorum* and *Salmonella gallinarum* within the last 60 days. A premises identification number* is suggested.
 - ii. VS Form 9-2 (bird or flock) attached to the health certificate
 1. indicating the bird is free of *Salmonella pullorum* and *Salmonella gallinarum* (pullorum and typhoid) dated within 60 days prior to the show, **or**
 2. indicating the flock of origin is under the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) and is free of *Salmonella pullorum* and *Salmonella gallinarum* (pullorum and typhoid) *dated within the past year.*
 - c. Identification of each bird is recommended, for example, by leg or wing band, with the identification listed on the VS 9-2 form.
 - d. **Each bird brought to the show must indicate on the health certificate the physical location of origin and return destination for 30 days prior to and after the show.**
4. Poultry—Open Shows
 - a. Each bird participating in the event must meet federal and state quarantine and interstate regulations.
 - b. Each bird brought to the show must have the following papers
 - i. An individual health certificate (See **Key Notes**, page 1) dated within 60 days of the show, indicating the bird is free of disease and has been tested free of *Salmonella pullorum* and *Salmonella gallinarum* within the last 60 days. A premises identification number* is suggested.
 - ii. VS Form 9-2 (bird or flock) attached to the health certificate
 1. indicating the bird is free of *Salmonella pullorum* and *Salmonella gallinarum* (pullorum and typhoid) dated within 60 days prior to the show, **or**
 2. indicating the flock of origin is under the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP) and is free of *Salmonella pullorum* and *Salmonella gallinarum* (pullorum and typhoid) *dated within the past year.*
 - c. Identification of each bird is recommended, for example, by leg or wing band, with the identification listed on the VS 9-2 form
 - d. **Each bird brought to the show must indicate on the health certificate the physical location of origin and return destination for 30 days prior to and after the show.**

5. Swine

- a. Each pig participating in the event must meet federal and state quarantine and interstate regulations.
- b. Each pig needs to be individually and permanently identified as to the herd of origin by ear tag, ear notch, or tattoo (unless prohibited by federal regulation).
- c. Each pig participating in the event must have the following papers:
 - i. Health Certificate
 1. Each pig needs to have an official, original health certificate (See **Key Notes**, page 1), signed by a USDA accredited veterinarian.
 2. This health certificate is good for 60 days from the date of issue to cover the period of the show season for Louisiana FFA/4H animals.
 3. This health certificate is good for 30 days from the date of issue for all out-of-state animals.
 - ii. Brucellosis Status: No testing for Brucellosis or Pseudorabies is required for Louisiana-origin swine
 1. Louisiana Swine: Each pig brought to the show from Louisiana must have proof of direct shipment from a farm of origin in Louisiana dated within 60 days prior to the show. Proof of origin can be indicated on the health certificate.
 2. Out-of-state Swine: Each pig brought to the show from out-of-state must have one of the following papers dated within 30 days prior to the show. Results or proof of origin may be indicated on the health certificate.
 - a. an official, negative test for Brucellosis
 - i. For 2009, brucellosis tests are still required on test-eligible swine from Texas because Texas is not at a “Class Free” status.
 - b. Or, proof of origin from a Brucellosis-free herd
 - i. the validated herd number (including the date and results of the official test) and individual identification number must be recorded on the health certificate.
 - iii. Pseudorabies Status: No testing required in Louisiana.
 1. Louisiana Swine: Each pig brought to the show from Louisiana must have proof of direct shipment from a farm of origin in Louisiana dated within 60 days prior to the show. Proof of origin can be indicated on the health certificate.
 2. Out-of-state Swine: Each pig brought to the show from out-of-state must have one of the following papers dated within 30 days prior to the show. Results or proof of origin may be indicated on the health certificate.
 - a. an official, negative test for pseudorabies
 - b. proof of origin from a qualified pseudorabies-free herd
 - i. the qualified herd number (including the date and results of the official test) and individual identification number must be recorded on the health certificate

- c. proof of direct shipment from a farm of origin in a Stage V State and requires documentation of Stage V status in that state.
- d. **Each pig brought to the show must indicate on the health certificate the physical location of origin and return destination for 30 days prior to and after the show.**

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6. Sheep

- a. Each sheep participating in the event must meet federal and state quarantine and interstate regulations.
- b. Each sheep traveling to the event must have the following papers:
 - i. Health Certificate
 - 1. Each sheep needs to have an official **original** health certificate (See **Key Notes**, page 1), signed by a USDA accredited veterinarian.
 - 2. This health certificate is good for 60 days from the date of issue to cover the period of the show season for Louisiana FFA/4H animals.
 - 3. This health certificate is good for 30 days from the date of issue for all out-of-state animals.
 - ii. Scrapie tag identification
 - 1. each sheep must have an official USDA Scrapie tag in their ears
 - 2. the identification number must be placed on the official health certificate
- c. **Each sheep brought to the show must indicate on the health certificate the physical location of origin and return destination for 30 days prior to and after the show.**

7. Goats

- a. Each goat participating in the event must meet federal and state quarantine and interstate regulations.
- b. Each goat traveling into or around the state must have the following papers:
 - i. Health Certificate
 - 1. Each goat needs to have an official **original** health certificate (See **Key Notes**, page 1), signed by a USDA accredited veterinarian.
 - 2. This health certificate is good for 60 days from the date of issue to cover the period of the show season for Louisiana FFA/4H animals.
 - 3. This health certificate is good for 30 days from the date of issue for all out-of-state animals.
 - ii. Scrapie tag identification
 - 1. an official animal identification number must be placed on the official health certificate
 - 2. each goat must have
 - a. an official USDA Scrapie tag must be assigned to each individual goat. The Scrapie tag must be in the ear or:
 - i. **EXCEPTION:** A copy of the breed registration papers and the Scrapie tag must be attached to health certificate. A microchip, implanted in dairy, Pigmy, and Nigerian dwarf breed associations, may be substituted for a Scrapie tag in the ear.
 - 1. **NOTE:** a microchip reader for that microchip must accompany the animal
 - ii. **EXCEPTION:** A copy of the breed registration papers and the Scrapie tag must be attached to health certificate. A legible tattoo of the registration number of the animal as recognized

dairy, Pigmy, and Nigerian dwarf breed associations may be substituted for a Scrapie tag in the ear.

1. The tattoo number in the right ear or tail web with a unique animal identification must be noted on the health certificate, a copy of the breed registration papers and a Scrapie tag must be attached to health certificate.

- c. **Each goat brought to the show must indicate on the health certificate the physical location of origin and return destination for 30 days prior to and after the show.**

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A health certificate (certificate of veterinary inspection), issued within the time frame of the show requirements, and should be performed by a licensed, USDA-accredited veterinarian. The health certificate should clearly identify the animal (any official tag, tattoo, brand, or microchip), species, breed, and gender. Registration number is NOT acceptable as a form of identification. It should clearly state that the animal has had all the required disease testing and/or vaccinations and the signature of the owner or responsible party. In addition, it must indicate that the animals are in good health and appear free of disease at the time of the examination.

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